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First Named Inventor	Roger Kenneth Abrams
Art Unit	2179
Examiner Name	Mylinh T. Tran
Attorney Docket Number	RPS920010007US1

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Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
Independent Claims		-35** =		X			
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,530	2254	765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal	
1402	340	2402	170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	300	2403	150	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:  
Roger Kenneth Abrams : Mylinh T. Tran

Serial No.: 09/842,471 : Group Art Unit: 2179

Filed: April 26, 2001 :

Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVING : IBM Corporation  
USAGE OF A GRAPHIC USER : Intellectual Property Law  
INTERFACE POINTING DEVICE : 3039 Cornwallis Road  
: Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 7, 2004 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 7, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

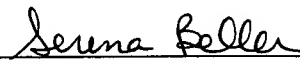
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**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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